

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118-

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Add at the end of subtitle F of title X the following:

1 **SEC. 10 ____ . GAO REVIEW AND REPORT ON BIOLOGICAL**
2 **WEAPONS EXPERIMENTS ON AND IN RELA-**
3 **TION TO TICKS, TICK-BORNE DISEASE.**

4 (a) REVIEW.—The Comptroller General of the United
5 States shall conduct a review of research conducted during
6 the period beginning on January 1, 1945, and ending on
7 December 31, 1970, by the Department of Defense, in-
8 cluding by the Department of Defense in consultation with
9 the National Institutes of Health, the Department of Agri-
10 culture, or any other Federal agency on—

11 (1) the use of ticks as hosts or delivery mecha-
12 nisms for biological warfare agents, including experi-
13 ments involving Spirochaetales and Rickettsiales;
14 and

15 (2) any efforts to improve the effectiveness and
16 viability of Spirochaetales and Rickettsiales as bio-
17 logical weapons through combination with other dis-
18 eases or viruses.

1 (b) LOCATION OF RESEARCH.—In conducting the re-
2 view under subsection (a), the Comptroller General shall
3 review research conducted at facilities located inside
4 United States and facilities located outside the United
5 States, including laboratories and field work locations.

6 (c) REVIEW OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION.—In con-
7 ducting the review under subsection (a), the Comptroller
8 General shall review any relevant classified information.

9 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after the
10 date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General
11 shall submit to Congress a report, which shall be sub-
12 mitted in unclassified form, but may include a classified
13 annex, that includes the following:

14 (1) the scope of any research described in sub-
15 section (a); and

16 (2) whether any ticks used in such research
17 were released outside of any facility (including any
18 ticks that were released unintentionally); and

19 (3) whether any records related to such re-
20 search were destroyed, and whether such destruction
21 was intentional or unintentional.

